

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-11. (canceled)

12. (previously presented) A hearing aid to be placed in the auditory canal of a patient, the hearing aid comprising:

a standard part configured to fit near an outside of an auditory canal of a patient, the standard part comprising a rigid plastic and accommodating a microphone, an amplifier, a loudspeaker and a battery compartment; and

a dedicated part configured to fit in the auditory canal, and facing an eardrum, of one of a left ear and a right ear of a patient, the dedicated part being adapted to a specific geometry of the auditory canal of one of the left ear and the right ear of the patient,

wherein the dedicated part is provided with sound transmission means for the transmission of sound from said loudspeaker into the auditory canal, the sound transmission means being adapted to the specific geometry of the auditory canal,

wherein the standard part has an outer end face, a surface extending across the entirety of said outer end face

being symmetrically oval and having a sound aperture at the center of the surface configured to transmit sound to said microphone, and

wherein said standard part is configured to connect to said dedicated part regardless of whether said dedicated part is configured to fit in the auditory canal of the left ear or the right ear of the patient.

13-16. (canceled)

17. (previously presented) The hearing aid as claimed in claim 12, wherein the outer end face is provided with a switching means and an adjusting means on said surface, the switching means and the adjusting means positioned along a single line bisecting the sound aperture, and the switching means and the adjusting means being positioned on either side of the sound aperture and equidistant from the sound aperture along the single line.

18. (canceled)

19. (previously presented) The hearing aid as claimed in claim 12, further comprising a means for removing the hearing aid from the auditory canal, the removing means having an injection molded part connected to the standard part.

20-21. (canceled)

22. (currently amended) The hearing aid as claimed in claim 12, wherein said dedicated part is provided with a means for removing the dedicated part from the ~~the~~ auditory canal.

23. (currently amended) A hearing aid, comprising:  
a standard part comprised of rigid plastic and an enclosed interior volume housing a microphone, an amplifier, a loudspeaker, and a battery compartment; and

a dedicated part shaped to fit in an auditory canal facing an eardrum of a patient, the dedicated part adapted to a specific geometry of the auditory canal of one of a left ear and a right ear of the patient,

wherein,

the dedicated part is comprised of ~~it~~ a sound transmitter for transmitting sound from said loudspeaker into the auditory canal, the sound transmitter adapted to the specific geometry of the auditory canal of one of the left ear and the right ear of the patient, and ~~it~~

wherein the sound transmitter extends along a central axis forming an angle of at least ten degrees with respect to a longitudinal axis of the standard part,

the standard part is comprised of i) an outer end face, and ii) a microphone sound aperture located in a center of the outer end face,

~~the~~ a cross section of an outer boundary of the outer end face of the standard part is mirror symmetrical in outside end view,

~~the central axis is in a position perpendicular to an end face of the dedicated part,~~

the longitudinal axis is ~~in a position~~ perpendicular to the outer end face of the standard part, and

the standard part is configured to connect to the dedicated part regardless of whether the dedicated part is adapted to the auditory canal of the left ear or the right ear of the patient.

24. (currently amended) A hearing aid, comprising:

a dedicated part, having an end face and an exterior surface, and containing only a sound channel configured to function as a sound transmitter, the exterior surface of the dedicated part configured to fit with a specific geometry of an auditory canal of one of a left ear and a right ear; and

a standard part enclosing electronics and a battery, the standard part comprised of an outer end face, a microphone sound aperture located at a center of the outer end face, and a

connecting part connecting the standard part to the dedicated part[[;]],<sub>L</sub>

wherein the dedicated part has a central axis, perpendicular to the end face of the ~~internal~~ dedicated part, forming an angle of at least ten degrees with respect to a longitudinal axis, perpendicular to ~~an~~ the outer end face of the standard part,

wherein the standard part is mirror symmetrical in an end view and control elements on the outer end face of the standard part are disposed in ~~such~~ a symmetrical arrangement around the microphone sound aperture, and

wherein the connecting part is configured to connect to the dedicated part regardless of whether the dedicated part is configured to fit with the specific geometry of the auditory canal of the left ear or the right ear.

25. (previously presented) The hearing aid as claimed in claim 24, wherein,

the dedicated part is an internal part and the standard part is an external part.

26. (previously presented) The hearing aid as claimed in claim 24, wherein,

the dedicated part is an internal part and the standard part is an external part, and

the standard part accommodates each of the electronics and a battery, the electronics comprising a microphone, an amplifier, and a loudspeaker within an enclosed volume.

27. (previously presented) The hearing aid of claim 24, further comprising:

a pull rod connected to a housing of the standard part, the pull rod configured to remove the hearing aid from the auditory canal.

28. (canceled)

29. (currently amended) The hearing aid as claimed in claim 24,

wherein the control elements on the outer end face include a switch and an adjusting facility, the microphone sound aperture located directly between the switch and the adjusting facility.

30. (canceled)

31. (previously presented) The hearing aid as claimed in claim 12, wherein the standard part is provided with means for removing said hearing aid from the auditory canal.

32. (currently amended) The hearing aid as claimed in claim 12, wherein the dedicated part has a central axis perpendicular to an end face of the ~~internal~~ dedicated part, the standard part has a longitudinal axis perpendicular to the outer end face, and the central axis and the longitudinal axis form an angle of at least 10 degrees with respect to each other.

33. (currently amended) The hearing aid as claimed in claim 12, wherein ~~the~~ a cross section of an outer boundary of the outer end face of the standard part is mirror symmetrical in outside end view.

34. (previously presented) The hearing aid as claimed in claim 32, wherein said angle is at least 15 degrees.

35. (previously presented) The hearing aid as claimed in claim 32, wherein said angle is approximately 45 degrees.

36. (new) The hearing aid as claimed in claim 12,  
wherein the standard part is configured to connect in a first orientation to the dedicated part configured to fit in the auditory canal of the left ear,  
wherein the standard part is configured to connect in a second orientation to the dedicated part configured to fit in the auditory canal of the right ear, and

wherein the standard part in the second orientation is rotated 180-degrees with respect to the connecting part in the first orientation.

37. (new) The hearing aid as claimed in claim 24,  
wherein the connecting part is configured to connect in a first orientation to the dedicated part with the exterior surface configured to fit with the specific geometry of the auditory canal of the left ear,

wherein the connecting part is configured to connect in a second orientation to the dedicated part with the exterior surface configured to fit with the specific geometry of the auditory canal of the right ear, and

wherein the connecting part in the second orientation is rotated 180-degrees with respect to the connecting part in the first orientation.

38. (new) The hearing aid as claimed in claim 36,  
wherein the standard part has a plurality of control apertures in the outer end face symmetrically arranged around the sound aperture and along an axis extending along the surface of the outer end face.